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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
AIMO SEPPÄNEN ) Group Art Unit: 1732  
Application No.: 10/659,287 ) Examiner: Michael I. Poe  
Filed: September 11, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 5597  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
CASTING A CONCRETE PRODUCT )  
)

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of May 3, 2004, Applicant elects with traverse the claims of Group I (i.e., method for fabricating a hollow-core concrete product Claims 1 to 5 and 9 to 15).

It is respectfully pointed out that the subject matter of apparatus for fabricating a hollow-core concrete product Claims 6 to 8 and 16 could be conveniently prosecuted in the same Application in spite of the different classification that is indicated in the Official Action. The search of the prior art would appear to be coextensive. Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to use his discretion under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and withdraw the restriction requirement

since the search and examination of all claims could be accomplished without serious burden. Such examination is urged to make possible increased efficiency for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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